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ANIMAL HEALTH BUREAU RECENT CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE OF MONTANA (ARM)

ARM	32.3.436 Brucellosis Vaccination Within the Counties in Which the DSA is Located
Summary	On 7/6/18 the Animal Health Bureau (AHB) proposed to modify ARM 32.3.436 regarding which counties require brucellosis vaccination of female cattle. The change would add Broadwater, Jefferson, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Carbon, and Big Horn Counties to the existing regulation. Currently, cattle in Park, Gallatin, Madison, and Beaverhead Counties are required to vaccinate female cattle. This rule is pending final amendment/adoption. Final action on the rule will be decided at the September 19, 2018 Board of Livestock meeting.
Outreach	July 16, 2018 – Lima (20 attendees) July 16, 2018 – Bridger (12 attendees) July 16, 2018 – Absarokee (20 attendees) July 17, 2018 – Big Timber (25 attendees) July 23, 2018 – Boulder (25 attendees) July 24, 2018 – Townsend (25 attendees) August 14, 2018 – Hardin (30 attendees)
Proposed Language	(1) Within the entirety of counties in which the DSA is located Aall sexually intact female cattle and domestic bison 12that are four months of age or older as of January 1 of any year must be Official Calfhood Vaccinates (OCV). Within the entirety of counties in a county that borders or contains DSA on or within which a DSA is located all sexually intact female cattle and domestic bison that are four months of age or older as of January 1 of any year must be Official Calfhood Vaccinates (OCV). (a) Female cattle or domestic bison that are not OCV eligible may become Official Adult Vaccinates (AV). (ab) Variances or exceptions to requirements will be considered on an individual basis by the administrator.

ARM	32.3.422 Designated Surveillance Area
	On 7/6/18 the AHB proposed to modify the boundary of the brucellosis Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) in response to the detection of a seropositive elk outside of the boundary of the DSA.
Summary	The elk was found in Febraury 2018 during Fish Wildlife and Parks' live elk capture study of animals in the Tendoy Mountains. Location flights show the approximate geographic distribution of animals since capture to be outside of the current DSA ruing the risk period. The risk period is defined as the timeframe when elk are capable of transmitting the Brucella organism through abortions or calving events (January – June).
	This rule is pending final amendment/adoption. Final action on the rule will be decided at the September 19, 2018 Board of Livestock meeting.
Outreach	June 28, 2018 – Snowline Grazing Association Headquarters (25 attendees) July 16, 2018 – Lima, MT (20 attendees)
	(1) The designated surveillance area (DSA) of Montana is described as:(d)Beaverhead County – from Madison-Beaverhead County line, south of Sweetwater Road to East Bench Road near Dillon, then south of East Canal Bench Road to White Lane, then south of White Lane to Blacktail Road, then south of Blacktail Road to Highway 91, then west of Highway 91 to Interstate 15 business loop, then south of Interstate 15 business loop to Interstate 15, then east of Interstate 15, then south of Dell Airport Road, then east of Westside Frontage Road, then south of Big Sheep Creek Road, then south of Meadow Creek to the Montana/Idaho border.

